

His strong hand were a sense of power,
Now he makes this little red flower.
In our world, we are busy with money and power,

While this man's job is this little red flower,
He still takes pride in what he has to do;
Petal by petal he makes this flower for you.
Next year when it comes to Poppy Day,
I'll be glad to see the Auxiliary come my way.

I'll cheerfully give them generously;
For the veterans making this flower could
have been me.

May God Bless You,
Doris Theiss.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, as this country will shortly celebrate Memorial Day, we pay tribute to the veterans who have honored us with their service, and their sacrifice.

As a Nation, we are united in honoring our war dead, we also need to be as united in honoring our living veterans.

In the last paragraph of his second inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln uttered the words that would ultimately comfort untold numbers of veterans and their families for generations to come. Lincoln challenged the divided nation to "Bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan."

Mr. Speaker, the promise of lifelong health care that this country made to our men and women in uniform is being threatened, not by the aggression of a foreign power, but by inadequate funding. As our veterans grow older, they require increased dependence on health care services.

Before elected for public office, I served as the chief psychiatric nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas during the 70's. I was privileged to serve in the day care and rehabilitation center of that facility for 15 years. I know firsthand that caring for America's veterans is the ongoing cost of war.

The Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center is an excellent example of how our nation can repay some of the debt it owes our brave veterans. The DVAMC operates 216 internal medicine beds, including a 28-bed pulmonary service. Moreover, a number of small VA hospitals and outlying community hospitals refer patients to the DVAMC for the diagnosis and treatment of complicated and unusual problems.

Mr. Speaker, I am worried that the proposed cuts will adversely affect over 70,000 Texas veterans. This number includes more than 18,000 veterans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It is estimated that 5,200 active patients in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will drop out of the VA Health Care System.

Mr. Speaker, how can Congress and this administration even consider slashing benefits at a time when our young men and women are still in harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan and Southwest Asia.

Veterans should not be expected to wait in long lines, and travel farther for health care services at a diminished level. If we fail our obligation to veterans, how can we justify sending more and more young service into harm's way?

As we salute our veterans, we must also recognize the medical care provided by VA medical centers, clinics, and nursing home facilities. I applaud the efforts of the hundreds of compassionate men and women who have dedicated themselves professionally to our

veterans. Let us say to them: We salute you and we thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 424.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

Previous question on H. Res. 649, by the yeas and nays; if ordered, adoption of H. Res. 649; previous question on H. Res. 648, by the yeas and nays; if ordered, adoption of H. Res. 648; and motion to suspend the rules on H. Con. Res. 424, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RES- OLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 649 on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 204, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 191]

YEAS—220

Aderholt	Blackburn	Burns
Akin	Blunt	Burr
Bachus	Boehlt	Burton (IN)
Baker	Boehner	Buyer
Ballenger	Bonilla	Calvert
Barrett (SC)	Bonner	Camp
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Cannon
Barton (TX)	Boozman	Cantor
Bass	Bradley (NH)	Capito
Beauprez	Brady (TX)	Carter
Bereuter	Brown (SC)	Castle
Biggert	Brown-Waite,	Chabot
Bilirakis	Ginny	Chocola
Bishop (UT)	Burgess	Coble

Cole	Hyde	Portman
Collins	Isakson	Pryce (OH)
Cox	Issa	Putnam
Crane	Istook	Quinn
Crenshaw	Jenkins	Radanovich
Cubin	Johnson (CT)	Ramstad
Culberson	Johnson (IL)	Regula
Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Rehberg
Davis, Jo Ann	Keller	Renzi
Davis, Tom	Kelly	Reynolds
Deal (GA)	Kennedy (MN)	Rogers (AL)
DeLay	King (IA)	Rogers (KY)
DeMint	King (NY)	Rogers (MI)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirk	Ros-Lehtinen
Doolittle	Kline	Royce
Dreier	Knollenberg	Ryan (WI)
Duncan	Kolbe	Ryan (KS)
Dunn	LaHood	Saxton
Ehlers	Latham	Schrock
Emerson	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
English	Lewis (CA)	Sessions
Everett	Lewis (KY)	Shadegg
Feeney	Linder	Shaw
Ferguson	LoBiondo	Shays
Flake	Lucas (OK)	Sherwood
Foley	Manzullo	Shimkus
Forbes	McCotter	Shuster
Fossella	McCrery	Simpson
Franks (AZ)	McHugh	Smith (MI)
Frelinghuysen	McInnis	Smith (NJ)
Gallely	McKeon	Smith (TX)
Garrett (NJ)	Mica	Souder
Gerlach	Miller (FL)	Stearns
Gibbons	Miller (MI)	Sullivan
Gilchrest	Miller, Gary	Sweeney
Gillmor	Moran (KS)	Tancredo
Gingrey	Murphy	Taylor (NC)
Goode	Musgrave	Terry
Goodlatte	Myrick	Thomas
Goss	Nethercutt	Thornberry
Granger	Neugebauer	Tiahrt
Graves	Ney	Tiberi
Green (WI)	Northup	Toomey
Greenwood	Nunes	Turner (OH)
Gutknecht	Nussle	Upton
Hall	Osborne	Vitter
Harris	Ose	Walden (OR)
Hart	Otter	Walsh
Hastings (WA)	Oxley	Wamp
Hayes	Paul	Weldon (FL)
Hefley	Pearce	Weller
Hensarling	Pence	Whitfield
Herger	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
Hobson	Petri	Wilson (NM)
Hoekstra	Pickering	Wilson (SC)
Hostettler	Pitts	Wolf
Houghton	Platts	Young (AK)
Hulshof	Pombo	Young (FL)
Hunter	Porter	

NAYS—204

Abercrombie	Crowley	Hinojosa
Ackerman	Cummings	Hoefel
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Holden
Allen	Davis (FL)	Holt
Andrews	Davis (IL)	Honda
Baca	Davis (TN)	Hooley (OR)
Baird	DeFazio	Hoyer
Baldwin	DeGette	Inslee
Ballance	Delahunt	Israel
Becerra	DeLauro	Jackson (IL)
Bell	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Dingell	(TX)
Berman	Doggett	Jefferson
Berry	Dooley (CA)	John
Bishop (GA)	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (NY)	Edwards	Jones (OH)
Blumenauer	Emanuel	Kanjorski
Boswell	Engel	Kaptur
Boucher	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)
Boyd	Etheridge	Kildee
Brady (PA)	Evans	Kilpatrick
Brown (OH)	Farr	Kind
Brown, Corrine	Fattah	Klecza
Capps	Filner	Kucinich
Capuano	Ford	Lampson
Cardin	Frank (MA)	Langevin
Cardoza	Frost	Lantos
Carson (IN)	Gephardt	Larsen (WA)
Carson (OK)	Gonzalez	Larson (CT)
Case	Gordon	Lee
Chandler	Green (TX)	Levin
Clay	Grijalva	Lewis (GA)
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Lipinski
Conyers	Harman	Lofgren
Cooper	Hastings (FL)	Lowey
Costello	Hill	Lucas (KY)
Cramer	Hinchey	Lynch